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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE I WHEAT

DEPT PLEASE PASS DEPT AGR FOR DONALD BROCK

1. DURING VISIT OF SECRETARY BUTZ TO CAIRO NOV 9, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE MATBOULI INFORMED HIM OF PROBLEMS WHICH EGYPT IS FACING IN PURCHASING TITLE I WHEAT ALLOTMENTS IN 50,000 TON INCREMENTS AS REQUIRED BY USDA POLICY. AT THAT TIME MATBOULI ASKED THE SECRETARY IF SOMETHING COULD NOT BE DONE TO ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM AND PERMIT EGYPT TO PURCHASE LARGER AMOUNT. SECRETARY BUTZ UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

2. WE HAVE NOW BEEN CONTACTED BY DG OF EGYPTIAN EXPORT-IMPORT CORPORATION WHO REITERATES REQUEST THAT THE PURCHASE AUTHORIZATIONS BE ISSUED IN 100,000 TON LOTS. WHILE WE REALIZE THERE ARE REASONS FOR SMALLER INCREMENTS, BELIEVE WE NEED TO GIVE EGYPTIANS AN EXPEDITIOUS REPLY TO QUESTION POSED BY MINISTER TO SECRETARY. WE SUGGEST THIS BE IN THE FORM OF A MESSAGE TO THE MINISTER FROM THE SECRETARY RELAYED BY THE AMBASSADOR. HOPEFULLY, IT MAY BE POSITIVE, BUT IF NOT, SHOULD INCLUDE SYMPATHETIC EXPLANATION FOR NEED TO CONTINUE EXISTING PROCEDURE DESPITE ADMINISTRATIVE INCONVENIENCE AND REAFFIRMING USG INTENTION HONOR ITS PL 480 WHEAT COMMITMENT TO EGYPT.

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